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Navon to invite Begin form new government

USALEM, July 14 (R) - Israeli President Yitzhak Navon announced today he had decided all on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to form the next government.

President made his statement after finishing a series of consultations with members of the Knesset...



Yitzhak Navon

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who mostly follow the reform and conservative schools of Judaism. Mr. Begin told Agudat Israel members yesterday that although he personally favoured their demands, he would not order his secular colleagues to vote the measures through.

Mr. Begin, according to Likud bloc officials, described some of the religious parties' demands as political extortion. He warned that if the religious groups failed to back him he would seek an early general election...

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Kania speaks of democratic reforms

Varsaw congress argues how to choose a leader

WARSAW, July 14 (R) - The Polish Communist Party's emergency congress today and the elected delegates were told of plans to make the party even more democratic. Arguments erupted over how to elect a new leader and appeared to mean that Stanislaw Gomułka would not be able to make a direct bid for the job on the first day of the congress.

our own means we will overcome the crisis," Mr. Kania said, adding that each party had its own unique contribution to make to communism. He said the Polish armed forces, whose leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, became prime minister last February, supported the line of dialogue. Mr. Kania repeated charges that Solidarity had overstepped its charter. He said the self-defence dissident group KOR was trying to undermine peace in the country by separating the trade union and the masses.

Kaddoumi holds talks in Berne

BERNE, Switzerland, July 14 (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) foreign affairs spokesman Farouk Kaddoumi had talks with Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert here today against a background of protests by Jewish and other organisations. Foreign ministry officials said Mr. Kaddoumi, who arrived in Switzerland yesterday, also had detailed talks with Foreign Ministry Secretary of State Raymond Probst on developments in the Middle East.

U.S. to talk with Soviets despite West's resistance

NEW YORK, July 14 (Agencies) - U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said today the U.S. would go ahead with talks with the Soviet Union on limiting strategic missiles despite resistance from some European countries to plans to improve NATO's nuclear forces. Mr. Haig said in a television interview the NATO alliance had agreed in 1979 to deploy missiles in Italy, West Germany and Britain while seeking an arms limitation agreement with Moscow.

Four ambassadors present credentials



His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday received the credentials of four new ambassadors to Jordan. They were Mr. Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan of Iraq, Mr. Jwau Presterfu of Portugal, Mr. Gueorgi Yankov Gueorgiev of Bulgaria and Mr. George Lycourjos of Cyprus.

Haig appeals to Soviets, warns Hanoi

Malaysia concerned over Kampuchean war spillover

UNITED NATIONS, July 14 (R) - Malaysia called today for a speedy, peaceful solution to the Kampuchea problem lest the fighting spill over its borders and affect the whole region. On the second day of an international conference on Kampuchea, Malaysian Foreign Minister Ahmad Rithauddeen Bin Ismail said: "Historical experience gives us grounds to worry that Southeast Asia could once again become an arena for active intervention by outside powers."

Gaza bomb blast kills senior Israeli officer

TEL AVIV, July 14 (R) - The Israeli military commander of the Rafiah region of occupied Sinai was killed today and five other Israelis were wounded in a bomb explosion at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. A military spokesman said Lt. Col. Eli Shahak was killed as he walked past a bomb hidden at a busy road junction. Two soldiers and three policemen with him were wounded. Their condition was not immediately known. The Rafiah region is due to be returned to Egypt when Israel withdraws from Sinai next April. Palestinian Arab attacks on Israelis have been rare in the area over the past few years. But military sources said that two weeks ago a grenade was thrown at a military jeep at the spot where today's incident occurred. This indicated that a commando group was now active in the area, the sources said. No arrests have been made so far, the sources said.

One Israeli jet seen in flames Israelis down Syrian fighter over Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, July 14 (Agencies) - Israeli planes shot down a Syrian aircraft today, killing its pilot, as they raided two areas of South Lebanon in the third attack on Palestinian camps since last Friday.

Palestinians by air, land and sea would continue. Tension between Israel and Syria is already high due to a three months-old dispute over Syria's deployment of anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon.

A spokesman for the joint Palestinian and Lebanese leftist military command said one of the Israeli planes was hit and was seen heading in flames for Israel. The spokesman estimated that nine Israeli planes were involved in raids on the two areas. First reports said at least three people were killed and 11 injured in the 90-minute raid, concentrated near the coastal town of Damour and around the southern market town of Nabatiyeh.

U.S. mediator Philip Habib left Israel for Saudi Arabia yesterday after another round of talks with Mr. Begin. After the meeting, Mr. Begin said he had laid down no deadline for Mr. Habib but had impressed upon him that time was short and that Israel would not wait indefinitely for a diplomatic solution. Targets around Damour, 25 kilometres south of Beirut, and Nabatiyeh were attacked in earlier raids last Friday and Sunday in which at least three people died and 40 were injured.

Two Israeli jets fired air-to-air missiles as they dived towards the Syrian fighter. The Syrian aircraft exploded, raining debris on the district of Bebaa, about eight kilometres east of this Mediterranean port. Palestinian commandos and Lebanese army troops rushed to the scene to remove debris and unexploded missiles.

That action led Syria to install SAM-6 surface-to-air missiles in the Bekaa Valley of east Lebanon. Mr. Begin threatened to destroy the missiles sparking a crisis which United States mediator Philip Habib, now on his third Middle East tour, is still trying to resolve. Lebanon yesterday complained to the United Nations over the fresh Israeli raids, but has not so far renewed its call for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council.

The Israeli raids appeared to be aimed mainly at bases of the pro-Syrian Palestinian group Sa'iq at Zifita near Nabatiyeh, and bases of the Palestine Liberation Army, the regular force of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), at Basir near Damour. Military sources said the planes hit targets south of Beirut. It was the third Israeli air raid against Palestinian positions since last Friday.

Before the latest raid, Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan called in U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon and Soviet Ambassador Alexander Soldatov to discuss the attacks on Friday and Sunday. He said later he was seeking international support to strengthen the Lebanese army presence in the south.

Israel expects F-16 deliveries now that America is 'convinced'

TEL AVIV, July 14 (R) - Israeli officials expect the United States to resume delivery soon of F-16 fighter-bombers to Israel, after clearing up a controversy over last month's attack on an Iraqi nuclear reactor.



Special U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane left for Washington today after meetings with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, which he said had helped clear U.S.-Israel relations strained by the June 7 attack on the Osirak reactor near Baghdad. "Any misunderstanding which might have arisen in the wake of the Israeli operation has been clarified to the satisfaction of both sides," Mr. McFarlane said.

The White House said no decision had been taken on the delivery of four F-16 planes, suspended after the raid. But an Israeli foreign ministry official said the aircraft, along with six others due for delivery, could be expected to leave the U.S. on Friday. "It is a matter of logic," one official told Reuters. "Since there are no misunderstandings anymore, we cannot see any obstacles for imminent delivery."

A government spokesman denied an American newspaper report that Mr. Begin gave Mr. McFarlane commitments concerning future use of American-supplied arms. Israeli newspapers have reported that Mr. Begin was outraged when U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis suggested Israel should consult Washington before using American weapons in future attacks on Arab countries. U.S. officials said today the administration was not seeking any such commitment. The diplomatic exchanges between Israel and the U.S. have been designed to establish whether Israel faced any danger from Iraq's nuclear project and if it acted in self-defence without violating the 1952 arms purchase agreements with Washington.

mainly against Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Israel incurred international condemnation a few years ago when a series of air strikes killed many Lebanese civilians. But last month was the first time the U.S. blocked delivery of weapons to Israel pending a thorough check of the raid on the Iraqi nuclear site.

Sinai force agreement to be signed this week

CAIRO, July 14 (R) - Egyptian, Israeli and U.S. officials will initial an agreement in London on Friday on setting up a multi-national force for the Sinai, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said today. The 2,000-man force, including about 800 Americans, will check Israel's withdrawal next April from territory occupied in the 1967 Middle East war. Negotiations are still going on for units from other countries. The force agreement was negotiated by Egypt, Israel and the United States last month. Mr. Ali said Under-Secretary Taher Shash will initial the agreement for Egypt. Diplomats in London confirmed the venue but said a final announcement had been delayed pending Israeli approval. Egyptian Minister of State Boutros Ghali, now in Latin America seeking troops for the three-battalion force.

r seasons of archaeological work at the Baq'a Valley by a team from the University of Pennsylvania have answered many questions about the area's

occupation in the Late Bronze and Iron ages -- but have posed puzzles of their own, Meg Abu Hamdan writes

Baq'a Valley excavations bring ancient history to light

The latest, just-d season of archaeological work in the Baq'a Valley combined with the three seasons' work in the area, 00-year gap in Jordan's history. That gap spanned from 1600-1100 B.C. -- Late Bronze to the Early Iron, and the information excavations not only shed light on this critical period but also on the importance to the development of Jordan.

Work was carried out by a team of international archaeologists led by Patrick McGovern of the University of Pennsylvania, under the sponsorship of the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, the National Archaeological Society and MASCA. Work in this latest season concentrated on a Late Bronze Age (L.B.) II burial cave and on Jabal Al Qesir in the Baq'a Valley, about 100 metres northwest of

The archaeological excavation started in the area in 1977. The first teams were led by Patrick McGovern and his colleagues. The appearance of the antiquities market of the Baq'a Valley -- to its archaeological richness -- was a maiden ground, as is the case over the Transjordan. Little archaeological work had been done there, and it was published, despite the fact that the area was known because of the Bible and because the valley was ideal for agriculture, with perennial and fertile soil to have populated throughout his-

Dr. McGovern was asked to make a trial sounding of a small part of the area to assess the potential of the site -- and the result did not disappoint him.

Staggering soundings produced some



after excavation



Arrow indicates the elliptical Baq'a Valley in this satellite photo

"remarkable results," he said. Earlier surveys had found no evidence of L.B. life in the valley; but Dr. McGovern's find of L.B. pottery in less than a quarter of one cave was so rich (10,000 sherds, 52 whole vessels, 290 small finds) that it strongly suggested that L.B. settlements and burial caves existed nearby.

But not only was the quantity staggering -- so was the quality. "Between 1600 and 1400 B.C. (the Late Bronze Age I) some of the finest pottery ever made in Jordan seems to have been produced," Dr. McGovern said.

On analysis, this pottery proved to contain fine sand in the very small proportion of five per cent, which accounts for its fineness. It also hints at an abundant water supply at that time, for after the clay had been excavated (from the rich deposits in the area that are still used for today's pottery) it

must have been allowed to settle in large tanks of water. The pure clay precipitate would then have been mixed with fine sand, and then fired well.

The high technical standard of production was matched by the sophisticated designs and decoration -- pots with high pedestal bases were common, and for decoration the bulk of the pottery was painted, slipped and burnished.

Among the local produce there came an exciting find: imported pottery from Mycenaean Greece and northern Cyprus. These pieces indicated an ancient trade route which passed through the Baq'a Valley on its way from the Jordan Valley to Amman, which in turn indicates L.B. settlements rather than the semi-nomads who had been supposed to inhabit the area. There is still no definite evidence, but eventually Dr. McGovern hopes to be able to prove this theory and link the burial caves with settlements in the area.

High technology applied

The logical next step after that 1977 sounding was to survey the area for other burial caves. In 1978, the team brought a cesium magnetometer to Jordan for the first time. This method depends on the fact that over a long period of time the caves become silted up, and this deposit carries a higher magnetic charge than the surrounding bedrock. Alternatively, low readings indicate a cave free of silt.

The magnetic survey justified all expectations by revealing another 32 partially or fully robbed-out caves (of eras ranging from L.B. to Byzantine and Mamluk); and in between these

robbed-out caves, the magnetometer recorded another 25 significant anomalies, some of which undoubtedly represented filled-in, undiscovered L.B. burial caves.

The survey also located two L.B. settlement sites which matched in size and richness the L.B. cemetery. One of the sites was a multi-terraced area at Kirbet Umm Al Dananir; the other was at Rujm al Henu, and consisted of two megalithic buildings, characteristic of a Middle to Late Bronze architectural type seen previously on the West Bank.

These buildings of huge uncut stone were thought to be of a defensive fortresses or watch-towers but since they are built on the bedrock (leaving the rest of the land for agriculture) and are large with separated rooms, it is now thought they were also used as living quarters.

The third season in 1980 brought Dr. McGovern back with a small three-member team to follow up on the geophysical survey. They chose a site which had had a high magnetic anomaly, was covered with clumps of thick vegetation and which was in close proximity to a rich L.B. cave and several robbed-out caves. Overall, this suggested the area had served as a large cemetery.

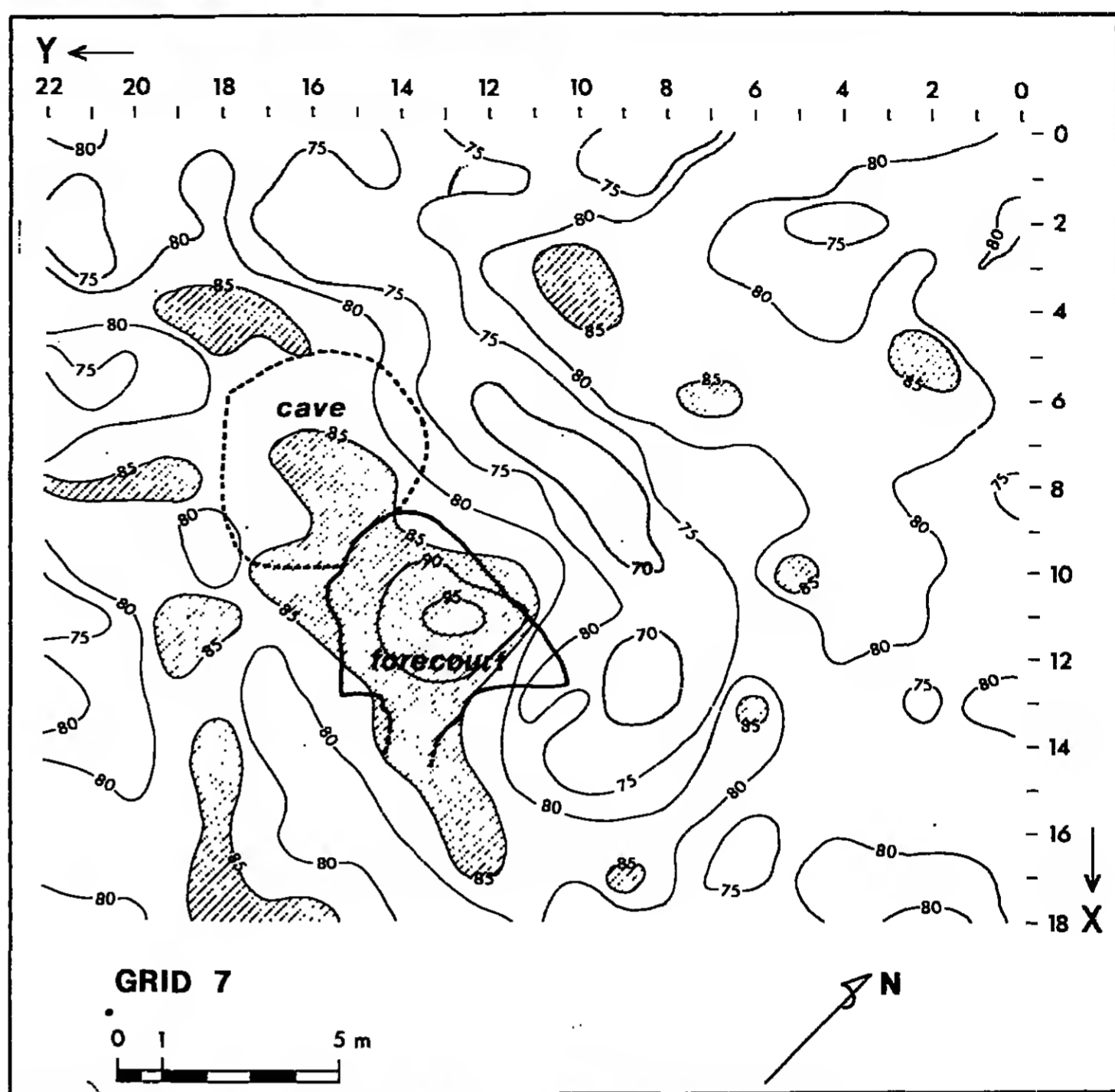
As hoped, the site proved to be a burial cave; but this time of early Iron Age (Iron I, 1200 - 1100 B.C.) origin. Complete with a large forecourt (a rare feature found until now only in the East Bank), the cave, about four and a half metres in diameter, yielded many thought-provoking artefacts.

Instead of the huge quantities of fine pottery and sparse human remains that were found in the L.B. I cave, there were a mere 78 complete vessels, and a staggering 270 corpses which had been piled into two groups -- one of women and children, the other of men. From the partial articulation of some of the skeletons it appeared that several of the bodies were hastily pushed aside soon after the cave's initial use, to make room for a large number of fresh individuals.

Catastrophe?

This jumble and the fact that the pottery was so poorly made and sparse were highly suggestive of the impact of an epidemic, war or other natural or human catastrophe often hypothesised for this period. The Bible also suggests turmoil and chaos at this time, caused by the incursion of new peoples such as the Ammonites and the Moabites.

But despite all this evidence of a troubled period, there are some conflicting archaeological facts that must be taken into account. For instance, there is a puzzling lack of weapons in this early Iron Age tomb. If there had been war there should be weapons; after all there were some in the L.B. I tomb, which was from an era of assumed stability. In addition, the type, design and style of the pot-



Superimposition of the groundplan of the Iron IA burial cave A4 over crosshatching indicating a high magnetic anomaly

tery did not change, which it should have done if there had been the influence of new peoples. Only the quality and quantity changed.

The 1981 season's dig filled the gap left between the L.B. I tomb and the early Iron Age tomb. In the L.B. II cave, the standard of the pottery dropped, although it was still great in quantity. Again there were beads of carnelian, crystal, agate and bronze; but there was not so much glass.

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In the L.B. I tomb there had been large quantities of glass of Syrian influence. There had been the finest of pottery and much of it: there had been jewelry -- scarabs, toggle pins and many types of beads. In the next 200 years, as revealed by the L.B. II cave, the standard of the pottery dropped, although it was still great in quantity. Again there were beads of carnelian, crystal, agate and bronze; but there was not so much glass.

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the use of shells.

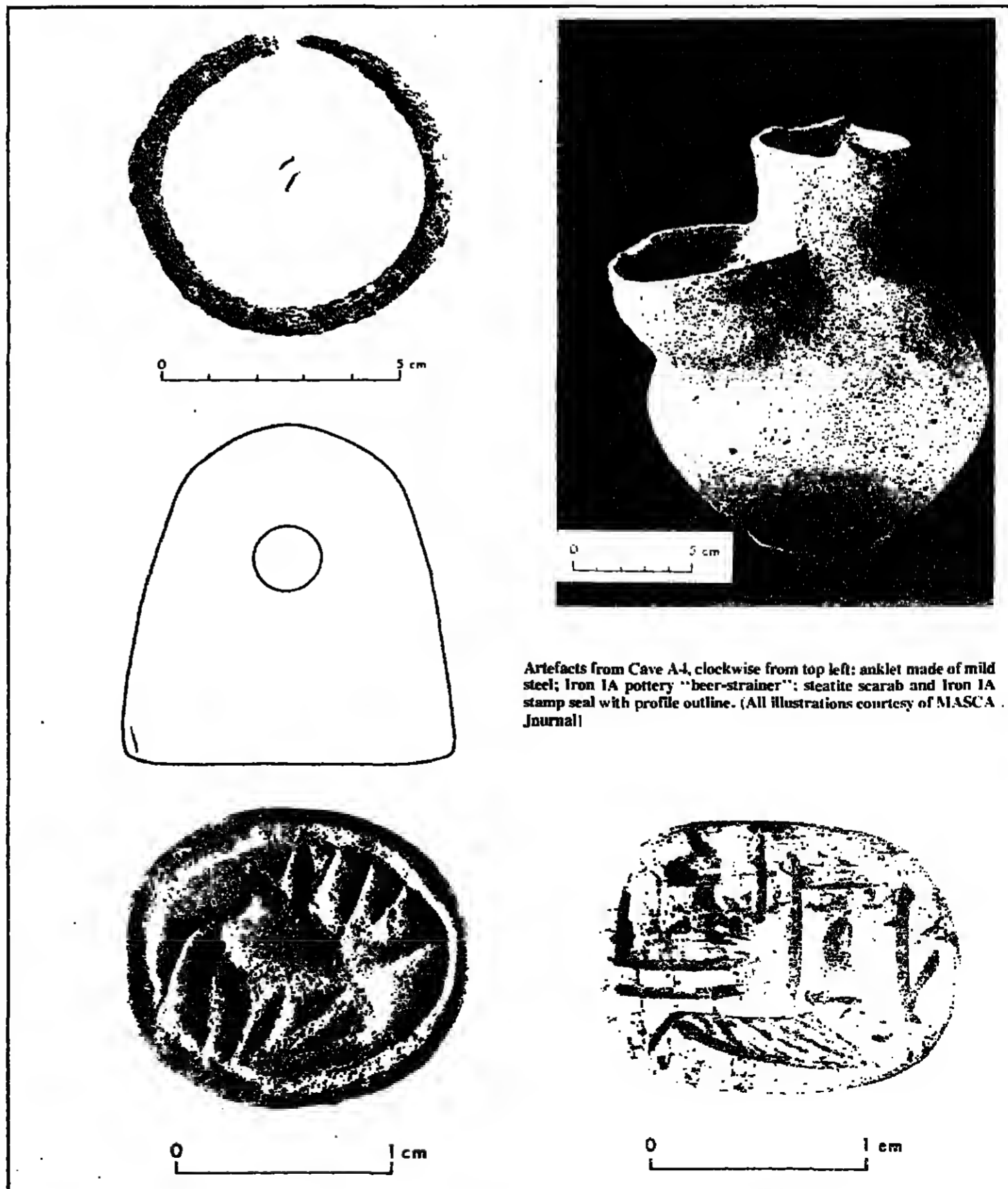
Glass had disappeared completely, and in its place was steel. Found in the form of paired bracelets and anklets, the mild steel at Baq'a has been shown to be one of the earliest steels ever produced. It is speculated that the iron ore came from the mines at Ajloun, and further work in that area is hoped to prove this.

But despite the appearance of steel, the early Iron Age peoples suffered a drop in cultural standard; and the reason can only be guessed at.

As well as illuminating much, the American team's work raises many questions, which further seasons in the valley will, it is

hoped, answer. The history of the transjordan plateau during this period is slowly becoming less of a blank; but there is still much to be done, as there is evidence of an almost continuous human presence in the valley since the Middle Paleolithic period -- about 45,000 B.C.

In the meantime, using all the scientific analysis techniques available at MASCA and applying the sciences of a paleopathology and genetics, the archaeologists will continue to piece the Late Bronze and early Iron Ages together, and to excavate the potentially important Late Bronze Age settlement sites in the Baq'a Valley.



Artefacts from Cave A4, clockwise from top left: ankle made of mild steel; Iron IA pottery "beer-strainer"; steatite scarab and Iron IA stamp seal with profile outline. (All illustrations courtesy of MASCA Journal)

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The technical face of Ramadan

(Part 2)

By Dr. Awn Rifai

IN TECHNICAL TERMS, fasting implies abstaining from introducing any food or drink into the digestive system of the body. This puts forward the question of introducing materials into the respiratory system, or into the body by other means, such as injection of chemicals in the blood stream. Fasting also implies persevering and enduring the pains of hunger and thirst for a part of the day. But hunger itself depends on many factors germane with the physiological and psychological conditions of the body; hence the endurance is not uniform for all people. The sensitivity of hunger and thirst to many factors attaches additional meanings to the word 'fasting'.

The brain triggers hunger pains after measuring the amount of nutrients in the body or recalling a past memorable meal. Sometimes, just the remembered smell of food or drink is sufficient to initiate the work of the salivary glands. The ingestion or digestion of food requires little or no assistance from the conscious mind; and most of their causes, processes, and effects occur

unvoluntarily, the elaborate digestive system being controlled by the nervous system. In order to perform their functions, the various parts of the body undergo physical, chemical and biological reactions and transformations. The body's machinery is fuelled by what we eat, drink and breathe, which is transformed into various forms of matter and energy. If the parts of the body do not receive their regular share of matter and energy, they will start to malfunction, at different rates and in different forms. Some of the consequences of this malfunctioning is displayed within a few hours, while some is more of a long-term nature and will disappear if eating is resumed after a day's fasting. The short-term effects cause physical fatigue and reduce the alertness of the brain. The mechanism of transforming the food and drink into nutrients ensures our physical energy and our repeated ability to indulge in the joys of the appetite. If fasting and eating during Ramadan are carried out in a proper manner, many illnesses in the body can be cured,

whether directly or indirectly, by reducing excessive weight and getting rid of dangerous fats. The functions of some organs can also be revitalised when subjected to the strict routine of Ramadan. The close connection of the nervous system with the physical, chemical and biological reactions establishes a direct link between the physical and the mental states of the body. If an emotional reaction is strong enough, it will dominate appetite and hunger and influence the speed of the digestive process. Appetite and hunger are also influenced by conditions of the environment surrounding the body, such as temperature, humidity, relaxation or stress.

Many stores witness an increase in their business, in particular the food, clothing, and gift stores. Restaurants make special arrangements to serve meals in the appropriate times, while hotels have to serve them for twenty-four hours to cater for the needs of their foreign guests, as well as their local customers. The sale of alcoholic drinks is prohibited. The increase in bus-

ness has its impact on the trade of the country at large. The tourism industry is also connected with the activity in Ramadan, especially when the latter falls during the summer season (the Islamic lunar calendar differs from the solar calendar by about eleven days every year). Working hours in the public and private sectors, schools and factories are modified during Ramadan to relieve the workers of the excessive fatigue. In some countries, people go to work at night, after the end of fasting. Although impractical, this is quite logical. The reduction in the working hours during the day, together with the decrease in the efficiency of the workers, leads to serious delays and man-hour loss. On the other hand, working during the night is uneconomical, because of increased electricity consumption. It is also inconvenient when it comes to some facilities such as transportation, tourism and foreign embassies, as well as those manned by people who do not fast in Ramadan. By virtue of the nature of their duty, some

Keep talking, AI

THERE IS a compelling lack of humility in American Secretary of State Alexander Haig's ability to stand up before the United Nations conference on Kampuchea in New York this week and attack the Soviet Union for financing the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea. Of course, the Soviets and Vietnamese deserve to be told that the world objects strongly to the state of affairs in Kampuchea. But whom is Mr. Haig kidding? If he can object to the Soviets bankrolling the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea, is the rest of the world supposed to cheer the American bankrolling of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip; not to mention the assorted other catalogue of Israeli transgressions of international law? If the Soviets are the financiers of the Vietnamese, the Americans are the patron saints of the Israelis.

Mr. Haig is presumptuous to the extreme to think that the world can listen to him seriously as he asks it to implement U.N. General Assembly resolution 35/6 to create a free and neutral Kampuchea, while it is the United States itself that leads the opposition to U.N. General Assembly resolution 3236 calling for a free and sovereign Palestine. If freedom is to be valued and fought for, it must be universally valued and fought for, in Palestine, Poland, Afghanistan and Kampuchea. A discriminate, self-serving commitment to liberty is a sham and an insult, and therefore Mr. Haig's performance at the Kampuchea conference this week is an affront to the intelligence and good intentions of the entire world. We can think of no valid reason why the liberty of Kampuchea should be more important or pressing than the liberty of Palestine. If Mr. Haig can't, he should remember that he is talking to a world that no longer listens to American voices with very much interest or credibility. Keep talking, AI. Few people believe you any more.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The international conference for solidarity with Iraq was convened in Baghdad yesterday to discuss the sneaky Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear installations last month.

President Saddam Hussein's opening speech clearly indicated that the purposes of the conference cover much wider ground than mere pretensions of denunciation because the attack is far too serious to be lightly dismissed by declarations of denunciation and condemnation.

The conference is a call to all peace-lovers in the world to confront effectively the Israeli challenge to peace and civilisation and in a manner, especially since the Israeli arrogance is prompted and nurtured by Israel's ability to manufacture nuclear bombs aided by the technology and support by the United States and France.

Reaching a stage where the Israeli arrogance is curbed, forms one of the primary bases of peace. Hence, supporting Iraq's nuclear progress is a basic requirement of peace since such progress will achieve a balance which will prompt Israel to alter its superior bearing in its dealings with the Arab Nation.

It is time that those who verbally expressed their displeasure at the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear installations took effective action because it is the deed that counts than the word. It is hoped that the Baghdad conference will result in such action.

AL DUSTOUR: Menachem Begin has challenged the United States by saying that Israel will not agree to consult with Washington before launching military action of any kind, such as the attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, and that it will not apologise to any quarters whatsoever for the use of U.S. weapons in operations "necessary to protect Israel's security."

Begin would not have been able to adopt such a superior, swaggering attitude towards the United States had it not been well aware of the real U.S. stand regarding Israel's attacks and repressive actions in the occupied Arab lands and Lebanon.

The biggest indication of the weakness of the U.S. stand, if not its actual collaboration with Israel, is the fact that Washington shamelessly sent a special envoy to Tel Aviv to conciliate Israel and invent an appropriate excuse for cancelling the decision to suspend the delivery of four F-16 fighter planes to Israel following its attack on the Iraqi nuclear installations. Moreover, Israel is fully aware that U.S. support for the Security Council resolution condemning its attack against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its decision to suspend the delivery of the F-16s are mere formalities with which the United States hopes to conciliate the Arab Nation, which was outraged by the Israeli attack.

If the United States seriously intend to act in accordance with its duty as a superpower to preserve peace, it would halt arms supplies to Israel as it did to Turkey when Turkish troops invaded Cyprus.

Faced with such blatant facts and their serious consequences, the Arabs do no more than verbal condemning the collaboration of the United States with Israel, in spite of the fact that certain Arab countries are capable of doing a great deal to influence Washington and cause it to curb Israeli arrogance and aggression.



SDP faces first major test this week

By Ann McFane

WARRINGTON, England — Britain's new Social Democratic Party (SDP), trying to break the two-party system which has dominated British politics for a generation, faces its first major test in a by-election here this week.

This northwestern industrial town is an opposition Labour stronghold and opinion polls so far predict the SDP cannot win. But its candidate, Mr. Roy Jenkins, the former president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Commission, is hoping to win a sizeable vote to show what support the new party has throughout Britain.

He and three other former Labour cabinet ministers formed the SDP in March after abandoning the Labour Party because they said it had swung too far to the left. Mr. Jenkins has called for a complete realignment of British politics, to prevent the political extremism of either Left or Right. Voting takes place here on Thursday. It will be the first time

Britons have voted since rioting and looting broke out in major British cities. Much of the worst rioting has been in Liverpool, some 30 kilometres from Warrington.

Many of the major political figures campaigning in Warrington have seized on the riots as the theme of their speeches.

Labour speakers have blamed the Conservative government's harsh monetarist economic policy, which they say has led to Britain's record unemployment rate.

The Conservative Party candidate, bus driver Stan Sorrell, has made law and order the theme of his campaign. But he seems unlikely to make a big impact in this staunchly Labour town, where the majority of residents has voted Labour for two or three generations.

Mrs. Shirley Williams, a former education minister said the riots were becoming a breeding ground for political extremism. She, Mr. Jenkins, David Owen and William Rodgers jointly lead the SDP. They hope to gain the middle ground as Labour and Conservatives polarise.

Fourteen elected Labour MPs and one Conservative have defected to the SDP and represent the party in the House of Commons. Since it was formed, several opinion polls have predicted that in an alliance with the minority Centrist Liberal Party, it would sweep to power at a general election. But Mrs. Thatcher need not call an election until 1984, and polls so long before voting have been notoriously inaccurate.

The SDP surveyed Britain's 635 parliamentary seats to see which it could expect to win or come close to winning, and Warrington, a relatively poor, industrial small town, was among those where its prospects were worst.

Another by-election is pending, in the London suburb of Croydon. It is likely to be called in the autumn, and an SDP/Liberal alliance is expected to fare better there.

Several polls taken in Warrington show Mr. Jenkins, who is standing with Liberal support, would collect around 29 per cent of the 44,000 votes, against 60 per cent for Labour. SDP workers

pointed out this represented a trebling of the Liberal vote in the town at the last election. If repeated nationwide, it would give an SDP/Liberal alliance more than 100 seats in the next parliament.

Their first aim, if they could grasp the balance of power, would be to press for Britain's electoral system to be changed to one of proportional representation. The present system heavily favours the two major parties. But the SDP and the Liberals have yet to agree on a firm alliance. Observers predict a series of squabbles, especially in the most winnable constituencies, over which party would field a candidate.

The SDP at present seems to be gaining most of its support from the ruling Conservative Party. Since she came to power two years ago, Mrs. Thatcher's government has become increasingly unpopular, especially in industrial areas. She has been blamed for the mounting jobless total, now at 11.1 per cent of the workforce and expected to rise.

Mr. Jenkins has urged Warrington voters to reject what he

calls this disastrous government, but he said an extremist Labour one is not the answer.

Last autumn the Labour Party's annual conference voted for unilateral nuclear disarmament, withdrawal from the EEC and nationalisation of large sections of industry and banking.

The SDP is firmly committed to continued British membership of the EEC and to the retention of a mixed economy. It wants high public spending to boost employment, and is opposed to abandoning an independent British nuclear deterrent.

Labour's candidate in this election, leftwinger Doug Hoyle, is a former member of parliament, and a member of the party's national executive committee. He supported left-wing conference decisions in the past, but since coming to Warrington he has tried to play down his past record.

Mr. Jenkins has an advantage that as a former Labour home secretary (interior minister) and chancellor of the exchequer (finance minister), he is a well-known figure to most of the vot-

ers. But with his slightly debaucherous, his upper-class accent, his reputed fondness for good food, he sometimes looks out of place canvassing in the mean streets back-to-back houses in this working class town.

According to the polls, conservative Stan Sorrell will be third with as little as 10 per cent of the vote. His party cannot do to win the seat, but to lose it would be a blow for Thatcher's government. Sorrell favours a return to corporal punishment, suggests short, sharp detentions for youngsters, aged 11 or 12, caught riding the bicycle.

The by-election was called by the sitting Labour member of parliament who was appointed a judge. The prospect of publicity brought a record number of parties to the town. There is a candidate campaigning for the isolation of citizens' based on road safety, and one from the Social Democratic Party, related to Mr. Jenkins' party.

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MIDDLE EAST

'Zionists tried to mislead world opinion'
Saddam: Iraq wasn't trying to produce nuclear bomb

IRUT, July 14 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein denied today when he called for help in developing an Arab atomic bomb, he meant that Iraq was trying to produce one of them.

In a speech reported by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) today, President Hussein referred to an interview he gave to a U.S. television network on June 23.

Following appeal for POW status
Israeli court stops proceedings against 4 Palestinian commandos

TEL AVIV, Occupied West Bank, July 14 (R) — An Israeli military court today suspended proceedings against four Palestinians charged with killing six Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank pending a decision by the supreme court on the defendants' request for prisoner of war status.

Hussein Muhammad Zidat, Mr. Muhammad Shubaqi and Mr. Taisasar Abu Snina as prisoners of war.

Israel's ultra-orthodox 'sages' accused of splitting world Jewry

TEL AVIV, July 14 (R) — American rabbis in Israel today used the country's ultra-orthodox Jewish 'sages' of split-world Jewry by using political religion to spread their own brand of religion.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin to sit down with orthodox, conservative and reform rabbis to work out a compromise on conversion and other doctrinal issues.

Israel, Egypt planned to invade Libya, report says

LONDON, July 14 (R) — Egypt has drawn up plans to invade Libya with Israeli military aid, the official Libyan Jamahiriyyah news agency (JANA) said today.

Mr. Sharon, according to the agency, suggested the invasion should be staged between July 23-31 before President Sadat visits the United States.

The agency said the plan was suggested in March by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in a meeting with Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon who then visited the Libyan-Egyptian border with the Israeli air force commander.

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4 cholera cases in Beirut

BEIRUT, July 14 (R) — Four cases of cholera are being treated at a Palestinian hospital in Beirut, the Lebanese national news agency reported today.

It quoted Health Minister Nazih Bizri as saying there was every indication that the victims had caught the disease from abroad.

4 out of 71 qualify
Weeding-out completed for presidential election in Iran

LONDON, July 14 (R) — Iran's Islamic rulers explained today why all but four of 71 candidates nominated for next week's presidential election were unqualified to stand.

warfront with Iraq, but bookshop ablaze and 100 copies of the Koran.

"How can a man who has been a driver all his life be regarded as qualified to run the country?" the radio, monitored in London, quoted a council spokesman as saying.

The election is being held to choose a replacement for Iran's first president, Dr. Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, dismissed last month after a power struggle with the dominant Islamic Republican Party (IRP).

The spokesman said a number of applicants had neither read nor understood the constitution and "some had made a joke of seeking nomination."

Three revolutionary were wounded in the according to the press.

At that time all but eight of more than 100 hopefuls were disqualified. One nominee who suffered was the IRP's Jalaleddin Farsi.

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IAC may appeal against IAAF ban.

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, July 14 (AP) — The Athletics Conference of America (IAC), athletics' ruling body in the United States, is likely to appeal the ban imposed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) against the use of anabolic steroids. "We are very surprised by this IAC spokesman Pete Holt here today. We shall wait for official action from the International Amateur Athletic Federation before deciding to take, but one practically certain, and shall appeal," he added. "It is really disheartening that has been at his best form for months," Cava said. "The International Amateur Athletic Federation announced in Indianapolis that samples taken from athletes at the Commonwealth Games shot and discus medalist Gael Mulhall at the Pacific Conference Games in Christchurch, New Zealand, in January, revealed the presence of anabolic steroids. The IAAF said the tests had been confirmed at a European laboratory in the presence of representatives from the two countries concerned. The penalty for using drugs is a life ban but in the recent past this has been commuted to 18 months. John Holt, the IAAF general secretary said: "The Athletics Congress of the USA and the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia have also been informed that the athletes are ineligible to take part in competition under IAAF rules from the date of the competition in question. "In addition, all performances

set up by the two athletes since the Pacific Conference Games are invalid." Plucknett, 27, added over three metres to his previous best performance when he broke the world discus record at Modesto, California, on May 16 with 71.20 metres. He then improved the record to 72.34 metres in Stockholm last Tuesday. These records are now invalid and Wolfgang Schmidt of East Germany regains his number one position with his mark of 71.16 metres set in 1978. Mulhall won the women's shot and earned a silver medal at discus in the 1978 Edmonton Commonwealth Games. Any appeal by the Americans would have to be made at the IAAF congress in Rome at the end of August. The ban means Plucknett will miss the World Cup.

'Play it cool' minister urges New Zealanders

WELLINGTON, July 14 (R1) — Talks between police and opponents of the forthcoming tour of New Zealand by a South African Rugby team broke down today, with the two sides failing to agree on guidelines for protest demonstrations. Spokesmen for both the police and the anti-tour campaigners expressed dissatisfaction with the meeting, which took place five days before the start of the controversial tour. Police minister Ben Couch, himself a former New Zealand All Blacks rugby player, issued a statement urging rugby players and supporters to "play it cool" during the two-month tour. In Christchurch, four protesters entered the sixth day of a prison hunger strike. The four have said they will refuse food until they

Tour de France continues

L'ALPE-D'HUEZ, France, July 14 (R1) — Dutchman Peter Winnen today won the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycle race, finishing the strenuous mountain climb just six seconds ahead of Frenchman Bernard Hinault who retained a comfortable overall lead. Veteran Lucien Van Impe of Belgium, a renowned climber, was third with Robert Alban of France, winner of the previous stage, 12 seconds behind Winnen in fourth place. Phil Anderson of Australia, the overall leader for one day early on and lying second to Hinault for the past two weeks, lost his place after today's testing ride in fierce sunshine. The riders face another mountain ordeal tomorrow from L'Alpe-d'Huez to the Puy de la Vache, a 134-kilometre stretch which includes four major climbs including one at the finish to 1,445 metres. On today's form, Hinault seemed certain to wear the overall leader's yellow jersey back to Paris for the Tour finish on the Champs Elysees on Sunday.

This week's football fixtures

Sport City Stadium - Amman:

Wed.	15.7.81	9.00 p.m.	Al Ahli	vs	Al Jell
Thur.	16.7.81	9.00 p.m.	Ein Farem	vs	Jazeera
Fri.	17.7.81	9.00 p.m.	Faisaly	vs	Hussein
Sat.	18.7.81	9.00 p.m.	Orthodox	vs	Amman

Irbid Football Stadium:

Fri.	17.7.81	4.00 p.m.	Ramtha	vs	Wihadi
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(This match will be televised live)

Vonder Woman



HHEIM (INP) — 65-year-old Christl Weiss from Forst in the Federal Republic of Germany is admired by young people as an exponent of the sport of karate. Since 1977, she has been up at the local Shotokan-Yarate Centre in her southern town twice a week for two hours of training. When she was 61 and now she is the only member of the course left others — young women between the ages of 15 and 30 have up. Her teachers were young enough to be her grand-nephews. Initially, her family laughed and joked about her interest. However, this has all changed — her husband now drives her to world and European championships and men of great deal of respect for her prowess. Christl Weiss — 1.53 and as she says "corpulent" is critical enough to admit that "I lose in training, I put on through eating, for food tastes so

GOREN BRIDGE

CHARLES H. GOREN
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South vulnerable.
NORTH ♠ 1063
♥ Void
♦ QJ75
♣ AQJ98

EAST
954 ♠ Void
♥ A107643
♦ 3
♣ 1064
♠ K1065

SOUTH
♠ K1072
♥ K952
♦ AK
♣ 743

Lead: Queen of ♠.

Tommy had n his usual form — hid- ecklessly and playing The distributions had atter flat, and had not ed him the opportunity laying his rare genius ability to play like a champion when s broke badly. West was a visitor club. Having seen y in action for the past there was no way he y could suspect that y possessed a peculiar so when his opponents d four spades in quick e must have felt that

Dr. Sami Khorma

Dr. Sami Khorma apologises to his patients that he will not be able to see them for two weeks starting Wednesday July 15 because he will be outside the country. Dr. Khorma will be back at his clinic at the end of the Eid Al Fitr holidays.

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JUMBLE

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LANTA
DUJEG
COMINE
WHOSAD

Can't get it out of my head!

WHAT MELODIES DO GHOSTS SING?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ○○○○○○○○○ ONES (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NIPPY FRAUD CALMLY BOTANY
Answer: How to spell "cognac" with three letters — "B, R AND Y"

Peanuts

LOOK AT THE WAY JOANNE CARNER HITS THAT GOLF BALL!

I COULD HAVE BEEN A FAMOUS PRO, TOO, MARCIE, IF YOU HADN'T THROWN MY CLUBS IN THE LAKE...

YOU HAVE LOTS OF TIME YET, SIR... WOMEN'S GOLF IS STILL ON THE UPSWING...

GOLF IS ON THE BACKSWING, MARCIE...

DON'T BE CUTE, SIR!

YOUR DINNER'S ON THE TABLE — ARE YOU COMIN' OR NOT?!

PUT IT BACK IN THE OVEN, IT'LL KEEP

BILLIARD! SNOOKER! POOL

POOR FLO! IS HE STILL CARRYING ON HIS LOVE AFFAIR WITH SNOOKER?!

NO, DEAR, THAT'S ALL OVER — IT'S DEVELOPED INTO A MARRIAGE!

Mutt 'n' Jeff

MUTT, CAN A BLUEBERRY WALK?

OF COURSE NOT, STUPID!

CICERO, BRING ME THE FLY SWATTER!

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1981

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to be more thoughtful of the future. Try to enter into new agreements which could give you and associates an opportunity to express your talents. Be optimistic.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Using spare time for being with persons you enjoy can add much to your happiness at this time. Use your skills.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Taking time to improve conditions at home is wise. Do some entertaining, but don't invite a troublemaker.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Talk with associates about new ways to improve mutual projects. Don't overlook important correspondence.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good day for expansion, so put your mind to work on projects that could add to your income in the future.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You are magnetic today and can achieve a great deal if you contact the right persons. Strive for increased happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make long-range plans for the days ahead and be sure to talk them over with trusted allies. Obtain the data you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) State your aims to a loyal friend and you will get good suggestions on ways to add to your income. Become more popular.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your position in your line of endeavor and know what should be done in order to become more successful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Stop wasting time and put those new ideas you have to work instead of procrastinating. Outsiders can be helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Come to a true understanding with those you do business with and much can be gained. Become more efficient.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Clarifying with associates what each of you expects from the other is the best way to proceed at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You hardly know where to begin with all the work you have to do, but if you control your temper, all will be fine.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have to be taught early to smile more and gain the goodwill of others. Don't let pride get in the way of progress. Direct the education along lines of governmental work for best results. A good family member in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword

by A.J. Santora

ACROSS

- Anacondas
- Canaanite deity
- Apert
- Single time
- Anatomical network
- Crema de la crema
- lik
- Killer whale
- Waterway
- Newspaper feature
- Swiflbows
- "Norma" for one
- Assyrian deity
- Location
- More lenient club
- Lament
- Sourly chap
- Hot-tempered
- Poetic tribute
- Beer: Sp.
- Bangkok
- Does voice parts
- Pro —
- Actor Mischa Robust
- Coming up Notch made by a saw
- Occurs to a person
- Snow leopard
- Customer Robert
- Ryan of films
- Kind of admiral
- Observed bug
- Hurricane
- Catch sight of
- Swirl
- Shopping mall
- City on the Danube
- Style of type: abbr.
- Type or meter
- throat
- Firecracker
- Groom's tie
- Drench
- Threw two hets in the ring?
- Accounting
- Disprova
- Amusement
- Christmas seasons
- Rangoon people
- Archbishop of Canterbury
- Statuette
- Where Tralse is
- Murmus lovingly
- Pgyrno
- cat (stickball)
- tide
- Require
- Contradict

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

DOWN

- Pear
- about
- Opposite
- Starts on a journey
- Eye and high
- Flying prefix
- Disagreeing in a way
- Kind of cinch
- Batten down

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